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A REASSURING cablegram informs the Board that the condition of affairs in Peking is improving, though the mission premises are still under the protection of American soldiers, and that the missionaries at Paotingfu are well, and they and the property there are safe. From Canton also Mr. Chung cables that the situation is decidedly hopeful, the college in great favor, and China is moving!

THE DEATH of the Rev. John N. Hyde of the Punjab Mission, announced in our April number, causes profound sorrow. He went to India in 1892, but the mission hoped for many more years of his valuable service. His last days were spent at the home of his sister in this country, and while they were days of unutterable suffering, we might almost say of him, "Nothing in his life became him like the leaving it," for the remembrance of his heroic, uncomplaining endurance, his splendid Christian fortitude is a priceless legacy. In the midst of his agony he said, "Thank God for pain, thank God for *everything!*" So his friends may say, "Thank God for the life and the death of John Hyde!"

WE CAN NOT too strongly emphasize the need for pressing forward our school and church work in Jhansi. While every other large city in the United Provinces either stood still or actually lost population during the last ten years, Jhansi has gained twenty-six per cent. A retired Government officer, of intimate knowledge of the country, declares that Jhansi is sure to be to Central India what Lucknow and Meerut are to the north. The military cantonments have been increased, railway workshops employ more than three thousand workmen, and the Roman Catholic priest says that the Pope has now before him proposals to make Jhansi the seat of a bishopric, to appoint a Bishop and to establish a Roman Catholic College. Our mission enjoys to a marked degree the confidence of the people, and possesses the very best sites for its work.

SINCE the station was opened at Tap Teang more than fifty have sought to join the company of Disciples of Jesus. Twenty-two have been baptized and four children. The others have been enrolled in the class of catechumens. At least fifteen of this number were won by the first Siamese Christian of this region who for many years lived and testified for Christ.

WHILE Tap Teang may seem to be a far-away station it is really nearer to New York than any other station in Siam. Work is being vigorously pushed in all divisions of the Royal Southern Railway. When that is completed Tap Teang will be only a few hours from the ocean liners for New York via Naples and all other important European centres. This railway will also bring Bangkok several days nearer to London and New York, which from a commercial standpoint is a very important fact. It means, also, hastening of mail and express service. Tap Teang will be practically at the terminus of this Transpeninsular railway. It is brought much nearer to Nakawn, Petchaburi and Bangkok. The missionaries are already planning for union conferences on Christian work.

OVER SIX hundred were added to the Laos church last year. Only Presbyterians are in the field, and there is no limit to the work that may be done.

HONOR the missionary mothers! One whose two dear daughters are leaving her, to prepare, by some years of study, to be teachers, says, "It requires faith and courage to send them out into the world alone. When they were little I used to pass them from my arms into their father's arms, with perfect confidence that he would take care of them. Why can I not now trust them to the care of their Heavenly Father?"

THE WONDERFUL Chattanooga Convention, which has been widely reported in the weekly religious press, marks a new era in the missionary history of the Southern Presbyterian Church. *The Missionary Survey*, the organ of that church, says: "If we as a church take up the gage thrown down by this meeting . . . it will mean that where we sent two missionaries and built a station we will send a company and equip a whole field. It will mean that where a man gave nothing or a few dollars, he will now give his life either on the field or at home."

CEBU STATION rejoices in having been able to send this year four promising young women to the Ellinwood Training School in Manila, an increased number of young men to Silliman Institute, and ten young women to study nursing in the hospital at Iloilo. These are hopeful indications for the future of our church in the Philippines.

WE wish for more space in which to express our grateful appreciation of the help of many tried friends among secretaries of literature. During the last year Mrs. Curran, of Utica, N. Y., has sent us 180 subscriptions; Mrs. Cormack, of Minneapolis, Minn., 140; Mrs. Field, of Plainfield, N. J., 122; Miss Prentiss, of New York City, 100; while Mrs. Champney, of Cleveland, O.; Miss Deal, of Philadelphia; Mrs. James, of Fairfield, Ia., and other good friends have also aggregated dignified totals.

THE HONORED name of the late Nathaniel Tooker is kept alive, not only by his son, an active missionary in China, but by his daughters at home. The Misses Tooker have recently made a gift of $2,000 for the Assembly Hall at the Allahabad College, India.

THE PRESBYTERY of New York a year ago reported an average accession of membership to each church of 26; in the Presbyterian Church at large in the United States the average to each church was seven new members. Members admitted after careful examination and long probation to the sixteen churches in the Presbytery of Corisco, in West Africa, averaged 28 to each church.

"NO INTERVENTION!" is the petition of our Mexico missionaries. Though the country appears at times to be on the verge of anarchy they are quietly going on with their work, and one of them writes cheerfully: "When Ambassador Wilson orders us home I suppose we shall come, and by that time I may be as afraid of the revolution as I am of crossing Broadway, New York!"

IN VIEW of the announced visit of apostles of Bahaism to preach its doctrines to ignorant Americans, it would be well for Christian women to read carefully the new pamphlet, issued by the Assembly's Board, *Bahaism and Its Claims*, by Rev. Wm. A. Shedd, D.D., of Urumia, Persia.

FAMINE RELIEF for China has been so widely appealed for through the press and pulpit, and the reason for its necessity so fully set forth, that to our readers we will only say in the strong words of the committee in charge: "Do something! *Do something worthy!!* AND DO IT NOW!!!"

Our Missionaries in Siam and Laos

AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Letters for Laos should be addressed *via* Burma and Raheng, *not* to "Siam;" send letters to Siam *via* Brindisi.

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Past and Present in Siam and Laos

In no other country in the world has the Presbyterian Church a greater responsibility than in this great stretch in the extreme southeast corner of Asia. To our Church is given the high opportunity of being the only Protestant Church at work for Christ in Siam. Since 1840 we have been represented by our missionaries there, though it was nineteen years after that date when the first convert was baptized. Long before our work was begun, in 1819, the great heart of Ann Haseltine Judson, who was at work in the neighboring country of Burma, yearned to help Siam also. She translated into Siamese the catechism she and her husband had prepared for Burma, a tract and the whole Gospel of Matthew, the first Christian literature to be put into that language.

In that steaming tropical atmosphere, where the dryest and coolest season corresponds to our July, eighty-five Presbyterian missionaries are now at work, scattered from the point at the southeastern extremity of Siam on the Indian Ocean where the newest station, Tap Teang, was recently opened, to Chieng Rai in the far north of Laos, "on the road to Mandalay," the most remote of any preaching station of our Church. The Siam mission has five stations, the two central ones at Bangkok and Petchaburi, farther south at Nakawn and Tap Teang, and in the interior, on the great waterway of the Menam River, at Pitsanuloke.

The religion of the country is Buddhism; there is a school for boys at every temple. It is only as one step in modern progress that the Government has made the Christian Sabbath a legal holiday when all Government offices are closed. Many western inventions have been adopted, the people are open-minded and the women have a freedom unusual in the Orient.

The beginnings of the Laos mission were made in 1863 by those valiant pioneers, Daniel McGilvary and Jonathan Wilson, both of whom have recently laid down their earthly armor. We still hear this country at times alluded to as "the" Laos, just as some years ago people used to speak of "the" Korea. This is due to the fact that the early explorers of that region were French, and always used the article in designating any country—*la France, la Coree,* etc. It is, of course, quite unnecessary in our language. There are five stations, Chieng Mai, the oldest and largest, a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants; Lakawn; Pre; Nan

and Chieng Rai, the last named being 12,500 miles from New York, and a journey of months from Bangkok. Laos ground has been consecrated by the blood of martyrs for their faith. As far north as the China borders there are still fields to be occupied where the Laos language is used.

Methods of Approach

II.

THE FIRST opportunity of approaching Siamese women, which presents itself to the missionary teacher, is in connection with the school. Where we have full control of the time of one hundred young women and school children all day and every day, no limit can be placed upon the good that we may do. Every little task of each day brings its lesson of faithfulness, self-denial, and service, which, if presented by the teacher aright will contribute to the development of Christian character.

IN addition to the opportunities offered by the school work, daily services are held, and all of the children are required to attend daily Bible classes, where a constructive course is arranged with examinations which they must pass in going from one grade to another. On Sunday they attend church service and Sabbath-school, when the Siamese teachers have the privilege of helping the children along the lines by which they have been helped themselves. Among the teachers of the school was first organized the King's Daughters, now composed of six circles, for the work has been multiplied by those who have left the School for their own homes. Two of the circles are at the school, one including the teachers and older Christians and the other a junior circle, composed only of the pupils, who hold weekly meetings and give their testimony as to how

JESUS HAS HELPED THEM,

besides interceding in prayer for their comrades. In addition to helping the church in Bangkok in many ways, the King's Daughters support a Bible-woman in Petchaburi.

A number of our girls, after graduation from the Harriet M. House School, have opened day-schools in their own homes, where they share with others the benefits they have received in their school days. There are five of these day-schools in Bangkok now. The oldest of these is in charge of Maa Pleak at Somray. It began in this way: Maa Pleak left our school to be married and to establish her little home at Somray. There she was very happy until sorrow entered her home at the loss of two of her children. Returning from the funeral she rocked back and forth in her little room all alone. Over and over again, in her mind rang the words of that sad hymn, "Must I go and empty-handed? Must I meet my Saviour so?" And she wondered then, since the children were gone, what she

MIGHT FIND TO OFFER HIM.

Suddenly the thought came to her: "Though my children are gone, around me are many children, and even these I can train for Him." So she opened a little school. And ever since, though her family has grown, she has given time and loving thought to these other little ones of His. So the influence of her school spreads and gives her access to many homes.

The next of these schools is in charge of Maa Kim Hawk. The

MISS MARGARET McCORD WITH TEACHERS AND GIRLS

Of the fifth and sixth grades at Harriet House School. The second figure in the middle row from Miss McCord's left is Maa Tart, teacher of the fourth grade; seated on Miss McCord's right is Maa Soowan, teacher in fifth and sixth grades. *Maa* is the title of respect for women, corresponds to Mrs. or Miss.

thought came to her while teaching her own little ones that she might just as well be teaching many more. So she called in the children of the neighborhood and established a fine school right in her own home where the line of work followed corresponds to that of the Harriet M. House School.

Clara's school is interesting because it includes the children in the neighborhood of the Conference Chapel. Every week she brings them over to the chapel for religious instruction. Here they join in prayer and singing and hear the teaching of the International Sabbath-school lessons and recite the verses of Scripture that have formed the basis of their religious instruction throughout the week. This weekly children's meeting is carried on in connection with a meeting of the Conference Chapel King's Daughters' Circle, which takes place at the same time in the adjoining room, where the women have a weekly service of prayer and Scripture teaching, telling each other what message God has brought to each heart during the week and interceding at God's throne for those who have attended the chapel services and for all those who need His help. The Conference Chapel is supported by the Conference of Christian Workers and this constitutes another method of approach. The Conference meets every year, when delegates are sent from all of the churches of the out-stations and for three days and nights all phases of Christian work are discussed, helpful addresses are delivered, and hearts are pledged anew in consecration to the Master and His service for men.

In addition to the maintenance of the Conference Chapel, including the support of the care-taker and his wife who give all of their time to help those who come in at any time of the day to find the way of life, the Conference supports a Siamese Chistian worker, who is called the Conference missionary. This opens another way to the hearts of the peo-

ple, for he is one of them, and spends all of his time going around the city and into the homes, always with the Bible in hand, and always ready to testify to the power of the Spirit of God.

These activities are all subordinate to the Church of Christ in Siam, that great power-house from which every form of Christian work has originated. I have spoken more particularly of the work among women, except, of course, in the case of the Conference, where the work among men and women is united. In addition to this the people are approached by means of the Boys' Christian High School, the Boys' Day Schools, the Hospitals and the Boon Itt Memorial Institute; and all of these agencies unite in opening the homes and making possible our house-to-house visitation. Here we meet the people in their own natural surroundings, and through God's wonderful agency of friendships, can point out the way to the Lord Jesus Christ.

ARE YOU WILLING TO LISTEN TO BIBLE-TEACHING?

Well, just walk through the district of Bangkok around the great swing, where the harvest home festival is held every year. Don't walk too fast. The road is very hot and dusty. You will be likely to stop occasionally and look about for a cool, shady spot. Maa Nak will be sure to see you. Her door is always open. Her house is always a pleasant relief from the glare of the sun. Her cheery face extends a welcome to everyone passing by. Accept her hearty invitation and you will find yourself within the walls of our modest little Conference Chapel. From the outside it looks just like all of the other houses of the row; but on the inside, how different! Such a delightfully restful little house! On the walls are Bible pictures and texts. Take the chair Maa Nak offers you and the fan. She will bring you some clear, sparkling rain water or hot tea, or both. This little refreshment she offers to all. Then she will show you the table piled up with various religious publications in the Siamese language. Select any you like and stay and read as much as you like, or, if you want to take any home, you can buy them at a very low cost. Maa Nak will be ready to talk to you and explain, as only a woman of faith and prayer can explain, the wonderful mysteries of God.

And after you leave, she will follow you with her prayers. When the King's Daughters assemble in her little room upstairs, they will join her in most earnest prayer for many truth-seekers as she names them over, and for many strangers who did not leave their names.

But you may be among those who have not passed that way and perhaps you do not even call yourself a truth-seeker. Then Nai Chume may be the one to find you. He is a man with a very gentle face. He goes about always with his New Testament under his arm, and a good-sized volume it is. Often the boys call after him, "Chume, the Jesus man," and he always stops and smiles and says, "I don't know much about it; but it's all in this wonderful Book. Come and let me read it to you," and crowds gather round while this unpretentious man expounds the Scriptures with power.

You may be among those who once knew and loved Jesus Christ, but have grown cold and far away. Well, if so, Lucy Dunlap (a Siamese woman, long ago adopted by Dr. Dunlap) will remember you, and she will

NEVER LET YOU GO.

She will hunt all over the city till she finds you. She will visit you,

and she will never give up praying for you.

We know a dear old man, whose daughter went astray—he adopted his niece and put her into our school. Often he comes to visit her, and every time he says, "Now you give attention to the religion and learn all you can about it." When our Junior King's Daughters' Circle was organized at the school this little girl became an active member. When they were all giving their little experiences concerning how Jesus had helped them, she arose and gave a statement of arguments she had herself gathered from her lessons in history to prove that Christianity is the only religion for the nations of the earth, and that those who have not accepted it have gone to destruction. The next week she followed this with a statement of reasons why Christianity is the only religion for her. It was a very convincing testimony.

This little circle offers daily prayer that each little girl in our school may become a Christian and that His Majesty the King of Siam may also accept Jesus Christ. Shall we not unite our prayers with theirs?

Margaret C. McCord,
Teacher in Harriet M. House School, Bangkok.

(Miss McCord is now taking a course in Normal and other advanced methods at the Teachers' College in New York. On her return to Bangkok she will have charge of the school, and Miss Cole, the present Principal, will take her furlough.—EDITOR.)

That Missionary Article

(An Answer to "Why Do Missionaries Not Write More?")

THE SUN was shining and a cool breeze wafted the scent of orange-blossoms into the living-room, where sat Mrs. Missionary, her hand fairly flying over the paper on which she was writing. She was preparing her yearly article for WOMAN'S WORK and had set aside the day for that alone. "She is working furiously," Nan Chi confided to the people. Nan Chi was the gardener. When he had come to discuss the garden with her that morning she had said, "No, no, Nan Chi, I don't want to hear about plants to day. Just go off and dig by yourself." Nan Chi was glad, it was easier to dig alone. But he had no sooner disappeared than a cough announced the cook with his market account. So much for meat, so much for fruit, so much for vegetables. One could see he was nimbly calculating how much to add on to pay for his tobacco.

"So," said his mistress, "you have spent more than you had?" Then great embarrassment! Cook patters out to his mussy kitchen where he can think better than in the clean atmosphere of the living-room. Mrs. Missionary falls to writing again for the space of five minutes, when an apologetic cough is heard from behind the screen. "Who's there?" she calls and the cook humbly appears. "I eat repentance, but I forgot to ask for the sugar to make the 'puddie.'" "Here are the keys, get it yourself," said Mrs. Missionary. "Oh, I ought not to do that," she thought, remembering the cook's fondness for sugar and her limited supply.

"Now where am I?" she said. "Oh, yes, we were reaching the village and"—a polite cough in the door announced her scribe. Mrs. Missionary knew she had given him his copy for the day but a wind came along and the scribe, too, "ate repentance;" the papers were all mixed, he knew not the heads from tails. It was a mess, but an hour later found Mrs. Missionary entering that village again, when suddenly a clamor on the veranda announced callers.

It proved to be a group of Musu people from the mountain, among them a lad on whom Dr. Missionary had operated for vesicular calculus. They had grown fond of this boy, so he had brought his friends to call, saying he knew the missionaries would be glad "truly" to see him. Mrs. Missionary must have seemed so at least, for they honored her with their presence for some time! After their departure the article was growing line by line when the clock struck eleven. Mrs. Missionary hastily took her Bible and hurried to the little street chapel for the daily service.

"I shall go straight home from service to write," she thought. "No matter who is there I shall not stay to teach," and she looked so severe in her resolve that it gave Nan Chi and other guilty offenders quite a scare. The little chapel was crowded that day for, in addition to the hospital patients, many strangers were present. The benches along the sides were filled, so the Musu brethren sat on the floor. They assured Mrs. Missionary that they did not object to this. They also assured the leader that they firmly believed all he said. He would have been delighted if they had told him this privately, but they insisted on punctuating all his remarks with, "Yes, that's so truly," "We think that, too." It was a splendid service for all that, and the leader graciously concluded by inviting all the strangers to go with the missionaries to hear the gramophone and listen to some more of the story he had told them. They all accepted. Lunch

SECOND GENERATION CHRISTIAN GIRLS
Photograph by Rev. Henry White.

SIAMESE WOMAN IN NATIONAL DRESS
Prince and peasant, men and women alike, wear the *panung*, which is drawn between the knees and tucked into the belt and looks like a pair of loose knickerbockers. Some ladies wear blouses, but the women of the people use the Chinese jacket or the native scarf over the shoulder. By permission *National Geographic Magazine*.

hour came and the table-boy looked reproachfully at the missionaries sitting in the midst of their guests. They were keeping him from his rice, a grievous offense. Finally, the company arose, saying, "We must now hasten away, lest the 'eye of day fall' before we reach our village."

After a short siesta Mrs. Missionary again drew out the article. It was stiff and disjointed. She had spent some time in lubricating its joints when a soft patter of feet announced her daily class of women. This was the happiest hour in the day for Mrs. Missionary. "We'd better have a short lesson to-day," she thought. They had the chapter from Genesis describing the grief of Esau over the loss of his blessing. Mrs. Missionary had always thought it served him right, but not so these Laos women—they wept and wailed and bitterly denounced Jacob. Explanations were vain, the women only wept the more and the class was prolonged beyond the hour. Once more the article came out and ten minutes later found a new page filled, then a gentle cough outside the door and beautiful Jan Fong came gracefully into the room. "I beg your pardon, truly," she said in her low, musical voice, "I am to lead prayer-meeting this afternoon and the lesson is so hard. Will you please help me a little?" Fifteen minutes later Jan Fong rose, saying, "Now I understand and can explain to the others."

Then again the cook appeared, but not to talk about "puddie!" He was dressed in his best, a spray of yellow orchids hung over one ear, he looked pleased with himself. "Another love affair!" thought Mrs. Missionary as she looked at her beaming cook. He did not mention his errand at once, that would not have been Laos etiquette. The weather, other items of interest were discussed with great animation, on his part at least. Mrs. Missionary was wondering with whom he was in love this time. At last it came out, the lady was a pretty heathen girl. "No! no!" said Mrs. Missionary with fervor. "I can't have you marry a heathen girl. Your mother gave you to me and I will not have my son going into a heathen family. Never mention this again. You can't get married!" So the cook went off, crestfallen. What else could a poor lad do whose adopted mother was continually nipping his love affairs in the bud?

Out came the article again; a few touches to the first pages and a liberal lubricating of the last and still it was a wabbly infant. When the clock struck four some of the older children of the Sunday-school came to practice a new hymn, so Mrs. Missionary took her place at the little organ. They had the beautiful "Glory Song," only recently translated by Dr. Wilson. The children pronounced it the most beautiful song they had ever learned and five o'clock came in a twinkle of an eye. Mrs. Missionary was tired and hot. Perspiration trickled down her back. Ants had crawled out of the flowers the children had brought for her hair; her back ached from pumping the organ and she was oppressed by the unfinished article. She shut it in her desk with a long sigh and went with Dr. Missionary in the trap as far as Pe Sook's little cottage. Here Mrs. Missionary liked to come when she was discouraged. Pe Sook, whether she knew the reason or not, always spoke comforting words to the soul. Mrs. Missionary went home happy. On the way an idea came to her: Why not write an account of the day instead of the article? The idea grew and grew until—well, here it is!

(*Mrs. C. H.*) *Florence B. Crooks.*

LAKAWN.

Ups and Downs of Touring in Siam

I HAVE been engaged in touring among the women of Siam only during the past five years of my missionary life. This work brings me face to face with the lowest type of heathenism among the Siamese women. It is impossible to put into words the appalling nature of the situation: how to bring high, holy thoughts of Christ down to the level of the mind that has never had a high thought; how to find some common ground to begin to teach; how to really love these almost naked, shaven-headed women, with their mouths overflowing with betel and their minds saturated with superstitions, and with obscene thoughts reigning that we would not harbor for a moment. This is the kind of woman produced by centuries of servitude

UNDER THE RULE OF SATAN.

I will give some examples of touring and its results. We were at the seaside for rest, one day's journey from a village where there were twelve catechumens. We went by ox-cart along the seashore when the tide was out. It was so hot that we had to shut in all four sides of the cart with curtains. I gave the two children each a pomegranate and told them to eat them seed by seed. This kept them busy for several hours.

We arrived at the village at sunset and were received joyfully by our people. We held a successful meeting that night, and then made our bed on the ground under a tree, with a mosquito net over us, and slept without harm until the sun was shining in our faces. The mother of the headman of the village had visited me and been taught the Gospel many months before, and she had brought eleven others to accept Christ.

Another time, we drove two miles from Petchaburi to a Laos village to show the lantern pictures. It rained; the acetylene gas outfit was not in working order, and the service had to be given up. But we sang and the disappointed old women clung to me and made us promise we would come again. The Laos women are attractive because they wear long hair done up tastefully.

We toured by boat to the mouth of the Petchaburi river. During the showing of the pictures, for some unknown reason, mud was thrown at the lantern, but struck the ground behind the preacher. In spite of this, the headman of the village, nearly eighty years of age, yielded his heart to Christ that night.

We often tour on foot, having one horse and the children and I taking turns riding it. A favorite walking-tour is to Bangtaloo, our sanitarium. Here there are several inquirers. There is one old woman of seventy who was taught of Christ away back in the time of Mrs. McFarland. She surrendered only a year ago, and

A HAPPIER CHRISTIAN CANNOT BE FOUND.

She is a boon companion of mine. We sit for hours, her palsied, shaking hand in mine; she telling me her heart's experience and I teaching her more and more of the love of Christ.

The tour up the Petchaburi river by boat is very pleasant. In one village, a man who was said to be one hundred years of age and his old wife came out, against the opposition of all their relatives in the village, and were baptized. We stopped during the heat of the day with a blind woman who had been in the hospital and had learned there of Jesus. She shared our dinner of rice and salmon, and then we talked of spiritual things. She told how she testified of Christ to her neighbors. Just before

leaving, we had prayer together holding hands. As I left her and climbed down the ladder steps she still continued in prayer. Her sight is entirely destroyed; but she still believes Christ will open her eyes. Let us pray that her inner sight will be so enlightened that the longing for earthly sight will be put away.

PETCHABURI COMPOUND.
First residence from right end, Dr. McDaniel's; second, Mr. Eakin's; third, the hospital. Photograph sent by Mrs. Eakin.

Farther down the river we stopped at the house of a man who was cured of cataract. He was converted, and has since been scouring the country and bringing to the hospital not only the blind, but also the halt and maimed. Later we had an unusual experience. We stopped at a large open pavilion. The pictures were shown to a large and attentive audience and the inquiry meeting was in progress, when a crowd from another village arrived and asked to see the pictures. They were invited to come again. They were loud and boisterous and went away grumbling. In the after meeting were four earnest men and we talked with them till a late hour. I told my Siamese teacher, who was helping teach the women, to retire for the night. She tied her clothes up in a bundle and laid them at her feet. Suddenly she cried out, "Thief! thief!" A man had slipped up in the dark and taken all her day clothes with the aid of a long bamboo pole.

Soon after the inquirers took leave. I remarked, as we lay down to sleep, that thieves would not likely visit us again that night; but about midnight they came and

TOOK OUR ONLY LIGHT,

an American lantern, and some other things. Pursuit was in vain, and we sat in the dark, our children with their teeth chattering with fright, till our men borrowed a lamp from a neighbor. Next day many people came to visit us and express their regret. We made so many new friends that we did not begrudge the loss of our goods. There are thirteen inquirers in and about that village.

On our last tour, we went by rail to Ratburi, where we were joined by Mr. and Mrs. Stewart in a boat down the river. Miss Lucy Dunlap was with us and a Siamese Christian woman who had been brought up in that neighborhood and had great joy in making us acquainted with her old friends and urging them to come to the meeting. We found one woman who had been converted in the hospital and after returning home had converted all her family by her testimony. Another woman had accepted Christ because He had heard her prayer and healed her boy.

These inquirers are weak lambs and need our prayers. Our hearts yearn over them, and we long to be back with them and help them to stand against the wiles of the devil. Loving them so and knowing their dire need, we can leave our little ones behind and trust that our heavenly Father will keep them according to His promise.

(*Mrs. J. A.*) *Altha L. Eakin.*

Vivat Rex

POLITICALLY the greatest recent event in the history of Siam has been the death of King Chulalongkorn, and the accession of the former Crown Prince as King Maha Vijirawndh — perhaps the missionaries pronounce his name but we only attempt it in type. The former King, during his reign of forty-two years, was in intent and to some extent in execution, a righteous monarch. Though in private life an Oriental potentate in his habits, under his regime debt-slavery was gradually abolished, the administration of justice under modern conditions established, railroad, post and telegraph systems started, and some progress made towards the suppression of gambling and the opium habit. The whole country went into mourning for six months for their monarch. The buildings erected for the cremation were of great magnificence and that ceremony was performed with Oriental elegance, though in a simpler manner than has been the custom. Money that was not spent on mortuary observances was used for institutions for the benefit of the people. Memorial gifts were distributed to churches, temples, schools and hospitals. All of the Mission schools, churches and hospitals now have some useful furniture given by the King in memory of his father.

KING MAHA VIJIRAWNDH AS HE APPEARED AT HIS CORONATION
The throne was specially built for the occasion, overlaid with gold and jewels.

While the remains of the King lay in state the American community went in turn to pay respect, being received by the new King. Dr. Carrington spoke in behalf of the missionaries, asking favor for their work, and His Majesty replied sympathetically, assuring them of his good will. A memorial service was held in the Boon Itt Memorial, and the teachers and pupils of the schools went with other schools of Bangkok to lay a wreath at the foot of the royal urn.

A Flower on Dr. Wilson's Grave

A GERMAN naturalist years ago made his way to Chieng Mai and was welcomed to the home of the great, warm-hearted Christian friend of everybody, our beloved Rev. Dr. Jonathan Wilson, so recently gone above. Dr. Wilson loved the trees and all plant-life, and told the naturalist much about them. There was soon a strong bond between the two men, although one was a rationalist and the other a Christian missionary. There was a love in the home of the missionary that won.

The weeks passed altogether too quickly for the German naturalist. Who that ever walked with Jonathan Wilson can forget his manly, musical words about Jesus? When the naturalist came down to Bangkok, he said in the German Club: "You think me to be a skeptic, a rationalist, but I have read the Bible enough to know considerable about the person of Jesus Christ. And I want to tell you that the good old missionary with whom I lodged in Chieng Mai is more like Jesus than any man whom I have seen on this earth."

Truly the late Jonathan Wilson, beloved by all who knew him, had learned the true way to approach a fellow-man, Laos or foreign. He got the secret from daily contact with Jesus.

(*Rev. Dr.*) *Eugene P. Dunlap.*

TAP TEANG.

(See photographs of Dr. Wilson in WOMAN'S WORK, p. 4, of Dec., 1911, and p. 106, May, 1911, where he is accompanied by Dr. McGilvary.—EDITOR)

Men and Religion in Laos

THE CHURCH at Lampun City, of the Chieng Mai Station, hospitably entertained the Laos Presbytery. Most interesting are the reports from the various churches presented at that meeting. The hostess-church is becoming favorably known in the city and province. It maintains an evangelist to do outside work. Into this church during the last year was received a Chinese tailor who is the first of his race in Laos to come into a Christian church. The native assistants at Lampun number seven, none of whom, except one evangelist, are paid by the Board.

The church at Chang Kam reported thankfully five accessions and also that "The Lord has blessed this little band of Christians in many ways. In this time of great distress throughout the whole Laos country these people have been spared the fatalities that have brought low so many districts. Where people have been dying at the rate of two or three a day there have been only three deaths in this church. The members have not entirely escaped, as anyone could see by looking at their worn and pinched faces, but they have not suffered the fatalities of the heathen around them. Spiritually the church is in a very encouraging condition. At present the elders are engaged in a special evangelistic effort and are hoping for great results with the aid of the Holy Spirit."

At San Sai and at Me Dawk Dang churches also the elders have been doing aggressive work, and those two neighboring congregations can report twenty-seven additions. Through the influence of the elders several whole families have accepted the Christian religion though only a few have as yet been received into full communion. These two churches are eight miles apart, and a number of parishioners living almost midway between them, are very anxious to

organize a new church which would form the nucleus of what might easily become a strong body in the near future.

The church at Chieng Mai has received on confession of faith 153 new members. Two of the elders have, during the year, been ordained to the Gospel ministry, and another has devoted himself to evangelistic work. All these men are Christians of the second generation and were educated in mission schools. All are men of studious habits and of ability, energy and sanctified common sense. These and other active communicants have

VIEW OF CHIENG MAI CHURCH
Photograph by Rev. Henry White.

LITERALLY WORKED DAY AND NIGHT, and their spiritual fathers in the mission say that all that could be written in commendation of their efforts would fall short of expressing the full truth. Within the territory of the Bethlehem church there have been more than a hundred deaths from fever during the last five months, yet not a Christian has died. At the school at Lampun one of the teachers refused the offer of a Government position at twice the wages he was receiving from the mission. He gave as his reason that he had taken this work for better or worse, and recognized the fact that money is only one of the many values in life.

Rev. Henry White reports that the people at Chieng Rai are growing in grace and are becoming more and more concerned in behalf of the unconverted. The signs of Christian growth; the evidences of victory in almost every family; the interest taken in the education of the children; the new church built by the people themselves; the respect and attention this Christian community has merited by their square and upright dealings, all make the missionaries very happy indeed. God is certainly transforming the lives of these people and making them over into His own glorious likeness.

One of the foremost Christians at Muang Pang had a remarkable experience with his mother-in-law. She had no sympathy with Christianity, and while living with him persisted in making her offering to the temple and in worshiping spirits. She also discouraged the grandchildren in their Christian duties and induced them to absent themselves from the Sabbath services. Seeing the character of the grandmother's influence over his children the Christian earnestly rebuked her. Indignant, the old woman left his home and induced her non-Christian relatives to receive her. Sometime after she broke her arm. The son-in-law,

hearing of this, brought her back to his home and applied the proper splints and bandages. He told her that if she would remain with him and give up her superstitions and idolatrous ways and recognize the fact that God only could heal such a wound in a person of her years, he would guarantee that she would have the full use of her arm again. She remained until the arm had healed, then forgetting her promise, hankered after the spirits and wandered off again. Some time later she developed a painful ulcer, which resisted all the native remedies. The son-in-law again had her carried to his home, as this time she could not walk. He asked her how long she intended to fight against God; if even now she would turn to Him in faith and allow the proper remedies to be applied she might walk again. The old woman's

ONE OF THE MOST INTELLIGENT CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN THE PA POW CHURCH.
The man, an elder, the younger man a teacher.
Photograph by Rev. Henry White.

HEART WAS MELTED; she was cured, is now walking, truly thankful for her healing, and earnestly studying about Jesus Christ, through difficulties, as she is very deaf. It is planned soon to baptize and receive her into the church. It matters not what construction a materialistic mind may put upon this story the fact remains that the non-Christian people believe that God healed the woman and led her providentially from darkness into light.

GUY AND LAURENCE SHELLMAN

His Majesty has introduced the Boy Scout movement into Siam. He has adapted it to Siamese ideas and needs and calls the older corps "The Wild Tigers," the lads, "The Cats," and the little chaps "The Kittens." The boys are quite wild about it. It is a fine thing for them physically. We have had military drill in our school, but it has been up-hill work. Now it is popular; we have no trouble.

There was quite a scare in Bangkok among the older class because of the oath required of those who became full-fledged "Tigers." First, to support and defend the King; second, the country, and third, the Buddhist religion. The Christians feared it they demurred to the last clause, His Majesty would be angry. But in a lecture first delivered to his bodyguard, and since published to be read in all the schools or wherever there is a company to be drilled, His Majesty clearly states that all religions will be respected, but whatever religion a man professes, he must *truly believe* and *live up* to its requirements. He goes on to say, "As for myself, I believe in the Buddhist religion." Of course, this throws the weight of his influence in favor of the Buddhist religion, but positively grants religious freedom.

Mrs. A. W. Cooper.

We are hoping and praying that Siam may make wonderful changes for the better during the reign of the new King. The late King has been sincerely mourned. He was justly popular, on account of his good long reign, but we are hoping for even greater things from his successor. He has not taken a queen yet, and has no harem. It is rumored that he will take only the one wife, and we earnestly hope that it is true. He has not had much of an opportunity so far to show just what he is. (*Mrs. C. J.*) *Mary G. Shellman.*

Pitsanuloke.

THE GIFT OF THE LEPERS

Poor and friendless, and sick and sore,
Some one had taught the lepers more
Than happier people sometimes learn;
"Bible Sunday" came in its turn;
Each had saved some handfuls of rice,
Or spared, from scanty coins, the price;
When they had offered poverty's mite,
An old man rose in the teacher's sight;
Nearing the dead, he spoke to the living:
"Sahib, write we were *glad in giving!*"

Lord, we have health and money and home;
Shamed and saddened, to Thee we come;
Careless, we honored every claim
Before we thought of Thy sacred name;
The little we did not need we gave
To Him who has sent His Son to save;
Take from our hearts the greed of gain,
Make the duty of service plain;
Then, like these who are hardly living,
Help us, too, to be *glad in giving!*

Anna Stevens Reed.

MOUNTING AT LAKAWN, LAOS.

THE FIRST Christian funeral service ever held at the newest station of our Siam Mission at Tap Teang was that of Col. Kohls, who died in the home, and under the kind ministrations of Dr. Bulkley. He was a brave Dane who had spent twenty-two years in Siam in the railway survey work, the army and the *gendarmerie*. He was a Christian and a contributor to the mission work. At his funeral the High Commissioner, the Governor, a guard of honor, and many local officials and friends listened attentively to the teachings of Christianity concerning the future life. The High Commissioner instructed the Mission to select a suitable site for a burial ground, and Dr. Dunlap says, "There on the slope of a green hill was made the first grave of our Christian cemetery at Tap Teang."

LETTERS FROM MISSIONARIES

CHINA

Mrs. W. L. Berst writes from Chenchow, S. Hunan: We get about half of our letters now, I think, and we fear that ours do not get home any better. For some months I have not written, for various reasons. One, which seems ridiculous to speak of, but not to endure, was the fact that until this week it has been almost impossible to get any stamps. In consequence we wrote only to our parents, and we are anxious to hear whether our letters have reached them, as we have not received answer to ours written since the trouble began.

One thing has made us glad in all this trouble, that is, that forty-five members have been taken into the church during the last three months. I think they feel deeply in time of trouble what it means to be Christians and have One who can help them, instead of their poor old idols. At least they do not seem unduly excited, as some are.

The boys' and girls' schools are running as usual. During the money stringency we feared we would have to close them for lack of money for food for the children. One day the girls were found weeping and it was supposed it was because they were frightened, but it really was because they feared the school would be closed. Then tney did all *they* could to save, and we were quite touched by this. They decided to cut down their breakfast to a little rice cooked in lots of water, and at the other meals ate just as little as they could, and at the end of the week turned over the sum they had saved, small in reality, but so large in the sacrifice it represented, that we felt it a great sum. This they kept up till more money came in, and we felt everything must be done that was possible, to keep them here. I felt that they would not have the proper amount of nourishment if they ate this small amount long, and we all rejoiced when affairs got better. All this self-denial was voluntary and we were much surprised when they brought in the first week's savings. I think such girls are worth a great deal and will surely amount to something in the future. Some of them come from a great distance, and this fall I marvelled that they could come in in the rain as they did, smiling and happy, after walking three and four days in the wet, for some of them come eighty miles and more to get here, over our dreadful roads. It shows what a school means to them when they do all this so cheerfully.

From Mrs. W. H. Lingle, Siangtan: It was very hard to have to break up school. The students' minds were in a condition such as they had not been, ever. I hope their impressions and thoughts will not be lost. One of the boys, Tsiang Ting Fu, the brightest and most gifted boy in school, came with us, and to-morrow will sail for America to go to Park College. He has had a hard struggle for a year or more, not wanting to give in and acknowledge himself conquered. Last summer I took him up to the Students' Summer Conference held at Kuling. This autumn he has come out clearly. To-day he is being baptized at the South Gate, so as to be able to take his letter with him to Park College.

He is only sixteen and I let him go reluctantly, but I trust God to keep him and watch over him.

Seventh day of the 1st month of the 1st year of the Republic of China.

AFRICA

Our new missionary, Mrs. D. C. Love, writes from Metet: On Sabbath afternoons I have a meeting of little girls and teach them passages of Scripture, songs, etc. During the last month of school I taught these same girls sewing two afternoons each week. Since school closed I have been spending two afternoons in each week teaching the old women in a town not far from here. In February we expect to form a church organization at Metet. These women have been given instruction in the mid-week meetings, but they need special teaching, so I go to them twice a week to teach them the things they ought to know before they can be taken into the church. They are just as good as they can be, but it is hard for them to memorize. They have been under the influence of the Gospel such a short time, but are very faithful in attendance to the church services. One of them, "Mbe Ngon," is always there, no matter what the weather is. I presume she is eighty years old. When women grow old in this country

THEY HAVE HARD TIMES

for the people in their towns pay very little attention to them and they must work very hard. That is one reason why I love so much to teach them, for they enjoy it and it brings a little sunshine into their lives.

HOME DEPARTMENT

SUGGESTIONS FOR JUNE PROGRAMME:

SUBJECT:—***Work among Chinese, Japanese and Koreans in the United States.***

Sketch beginnings of this work in 1852.

Four centers from which work is carried on.

Name the ten who are employed to take charge of it.

Give some account of the life of the late Rev. J. H. Stewart.

Desire of the Koreans for education; where are they located?

Describe mission work done by Californian Koreans for their countrymen in Yucatan.

Effect of national exclusion law on work for the Japanese and Chinese.

Describe new chapel and manse erected by the gifts of the Japanese in Wintersburg.

Their efforts towards self-support in San Francisco.

Opportunity among thousands of Japanese in towns and camps who have no chance to hear the Gospel.

Beginnings of work among the Chinese.

Instances of true conversion among the Chinese. (See *Old and New China*, leaflet.)

Gifts of Californian Chinese towards mission work in China.

One little school-boy's career, Rev. Ng Poon Chew.

Schools and Rescue Work of the Occidental Board; graduate of True Light Seminary teacher in the Home; teachers who have gone to China from the Home.

Rebuilding of the Home after the earthquake of 1906.

Read incidents from *Yellow Slave Traffic*, leaflet by Miss Cameron.

Describe work for the Chinese in New York under Rev. Huie Kin.

Consult Reports of the Assembly's and the Occidental Boards, *The Chinese and Japanese in America*, Educational Series.

The Necessity for Band and Junior Work

IF GOD is looking to His children and young people as the future laborers in His vineyard, how shall they be influenced to consecrate their lives to this service, unless we who are older in the work are willing to devote some of our time and strength to teaching and training them? Will they not shortly have to fill our places, and those of the devoted missionaries in home and foreign lands? And must they not be prepared for the great responsibility thus to be laid upon them?

We do not expect a man to become suddenly interested in mathematics, for instance, and become a great mathematician, who never studied arithmetic as a child. His love for the science has increased and strengthened by his years of study and work. And, friends, we cannot expect men and women suddenly to acquire a great love for missions and missionary work, if they know nothing about them, and have never grown to love them through having studied them and worked and prayed for them from the time they were children. Have we not found this to be true in our women's societies, when we have tried to secure new members? Are not the women who tell us they care nothing for missions nearly always those who, as children, were

NEVER MEMBERS OF A MISSION BAND?

A real love for the cause, once gained by a child, never entirely disappears in later life. During a recent visit among the churches of one of our presbyteries our Field Secretary took pains to inquire especially into this very matter. She found that nearly every woman connected with our missionary societies had as a child been a member of a band or junior society, and there first acquired the love for and interest in the work, which had remained with her ever since. The Student Volunteer Movement, also, owes much to the children's societies. When college men and women, who have been trained as children in these societies, have presented to them the strong appeal to consider foreign missions as their life-work, the call does not come as something entirely new and strange. It is an appeal for a

CAUSE ALREADY KNOWN AND LOVED.

It is an admitted fact that the recent mis-

sionary activity awakened among the men of our church is due in no small measure to the quiet and faithful work of our women's societies, and so, indirectly, to our bands and juniors.

One of the greatest questions of the day throughout the whole civilized world is the proper education of children. We want to grant them every privilege and opportunity in our power to make their education the best possible. We secure the finest teachers and masters, and spare no pains or expense to help them in their school and college life. But do we always feel the same anxiety that they should have like advantages in their spiritual life? If we did, we would surely for one thing see to it that each little lad and lassie under our care should have the privilege of belonging to a mission band. For, besides the actual help these little ones are to the work—and this past year $4,179.37 was given to foreign missions alone by the children's societies under our New York Board—there is the great blessing that comes into their lives from the missionary training they receive. I do not believe there is any surer way of drawing these little souls to a saving faith in the Saviour and a true and deep love for Him than to teach them to love and to work and pray for heathen children the whole world over, who have not these blessings which they so richly enjoy. We are sometimes told that the home is the place where children should be taught about missions and acquire their interest in the cause. Granted. But, friends,

ARE THEY SO TAUGHT?

In how many of the homes of our churches do even those parents who profess to love this cause faithfully and systematically devote as little as one hour a month to such instruction?

Then consider the thousands of girls and boys whose parents care nothing for missions, and who, but for our bands and junior societies, would grow up in utter ignorance of the whole matter. We sometimes forget that our bands are "missionary" in more senses than one! This same objection—that the children should be taught at home—holds equally in our Sabbath-schools. Surely if there is anywhere that children should be taught the Bible, it is at their parent's knee. But would we dare give up the Sabbath-school and trust the Bible training of our children even to Christian homes? Then, too, if all such instruction in both Bible and missions were faithfully performed in the homes, would the children not miss much of the help and inspiration which comes from being banded together and feeling that they form a part of a great company of girls and boys, all working and praying for the same great cause? They are so bright and happy in their bands and are so easily taught and deeply interested in their work. It is not a surprise to me that so many young women enjoy teaching, especially the primary and intermediate grades. The fresh minds are so responsive to their teaching, and they have the joy and the great responsibility of knowing that they are laying the foundation of all the coming years. It is just so, in a more blessed sense, in training the little hearts in missionary knowledge and love.

Another objection is sometimes raised to our children's societies. We are told that children these days have "too much to do already" and have neither ""time nor strength" for belonging to a band. That with their school duties, their music, their dancing lessons, gymnasium, etc., a mission band is simply one thing too many! But why should the *Band* always be looked upon as this "one thing"? The majority of them have but one meeting a month, or two at the most, and why not

GIVE UP A DANCING-LESSON,

or concert, or whatever the engagement may be for that special afternoon, in order that the children may have the privilege of the missionary training secured alone in our bands and young people's societies?

In the years to come this will count for far more than what was given up to secure it. For, by the blessing of the Holy Spirit, the hours spent in these little societies may awaken in their hearts a deep love for the Saviour, who died to save not themselves only, but all the world. They will sincerely believe that there is no other name given under heaven among men whereby they must be saved: that "all the comforts which come to souls in sorrow, all the joy of His wonderful forgiveness of sin, all the grand knowledge of the dignity to which His grace can lift us, all the assurance of a glorious immortality," are not for themselves only,

but for every poor, sin-sick, sorrowing child of His the whole world over. Slowly, of course, but ever increasingly as their missionary training goes on, will these great truths be implanted in their hearts; more and more will they come to realize their responsibility for bringing the knowledge of such a Saviour to all who know Him not. And when, as young men and women, the time comes for them to decide upon their life-work, there will be no further need to urge them to give either their money or themselves to this great cause.

Oh, let us take up the work of our children's societies with renewed earnestness and devotion, and let us pray as we have never prayed before that this love and consecration to Christ and His kingdom may fill to overflowing, not only each little heart intrusted to our care, but also our own hearts.

Mabel W. Waters,
Secretary for Bands, New York Board.

A CALL TO PRAYER

A RECENT MEETING of the Mission Boards of the United States and Canada emphasizes the fact that the supreme need of our time is not more organization nor more method, but a "wider and deeper life of prayer as the chief means of missionary power."

Appreciating the need of constant reliance upon the Divine Source of Power and of communion with Him, the Women's Board of Foreign Missions will observe a special day of prayer in April and suggests that, at some time during this month, all of our missionary societies will also observe, at such time as is most convenient, a special season of prayer.

REV. DR. STANLEY WHITE is the authority for saying that only two foreign missionary magazines are self-supporting, and that one of these is WOMAN'S WORK. This statement, in a somewhat modified form, he made at the Ninth Interdenominational Conference of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions of the United States and Canada, held in Philadelphia February 28th and 29th. Over forty Boards were represented by one hundred delegates, and such subjects were considered as Federation, United Study, Relation of the Student Volunteer Movement to the Woman's Boards, Co-operation With the Student Department of the Y. W. C. A., Literature for the Orient.

One year has passed since the Jubilee Fund was started, and it now amounts to $1,040,000, with some pledged amounts still to be added.

TO FRIENDS OF THE CHILDREN

Over Sea and Land sends thanks to the many kind friends who have been working to increase the number of subscribers.

Let us continue to make a strong pull and a hard pull all together to put *Over Sea and Land* where it belongs—in the home of every Presbyterian child. The Giant Rally which we started last fall has turned out to be a very small giant. We have received about three thousand new subscriptions since the Rally started. This seems like a large number except when we come to think that there are *more than three thousand Secretaries in the churches.* Therefore, the average is less than one subscription apiece. If we could increase this number to 10,000 subscriptions by October 1st, it would mean that *Over Sea and Land* could grow in size and in grace.

Samples will gladly be furnished at any time to those requesting them. Address Room 621, Presbyterian Building, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y.

CHANGES IN THE MISSIONARY FORCE

The address of the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Shoemaker, from China, is now 701 Court Street, Fairfield, Iowa.

ARRIVALS:

At San Francisco, Rev. and Mrs. Jesse S. Smith, from Chile. Address, 4645 Willow Street, Seattle, Wash.

At New York, Mar. 18, Rev. F. J. Newton, of the Punjab Mission. Address, care Dwight H. Day, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York.

At New York, Mar. 18, Rev. R. D. Tracy, of the Punjab Mission.

DEPARTURES:

From San Francisco, Mar. 12, Rev. A. R. Kepler, returning to China.
From Seattle, Mar. 16, Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Erdman, returning to Korea.
From Seattle, Mar. 16, Rev. W. L. Swallen, returning to Korea.
From San Francisco, Mar. 19, Dr. and Mrs. R. W. Dunlap, returning to Shantung.
From Philadelphia, April 1, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Douglas, returning to East Persia.
From Philadelphia, April 1, Dr. Edna E. Orcutt, returning to W. Persia Mission.

MARRIAGE:

At Shanghai, Mr. W. C. Chapman, of Changteh, China, to Miss Agnes G. Leith, of the China Inland Mission.

RESIGNATIONS:

Mr. C. H. Funk, of West Africa Mission. Appointed 1908.
Rev. E. A. Ford, appointed 1891, and Mrs. Ford, appointed 1899, of the West Africa Mission.
Rev. Robert D. Tracy, of the Punjab Mission. Appointed 1901.
Rev. C. Scott Williams, appointed 1892, and Mrs. Williams, appointed 1893, of Mexico.

DEATH:

Rev. J. H. Stewart, in charge of work for the Chinese at Los Angeles, Cal., since 1902.

NOTES FROM HEADQUARTERS

From Philadelphia

Send all letters to 501 Witherspoon Building. Directors' meeting first Tuesday of each month at 10:30 o'clock. Prayer-meeting on the third Tuesday at 11 o'clock. Visitors welcome at both meetings. Prayer-meeting May 21. Topics: Our Missionaries and their Families, Siam and Laos.

THE CORPORATION meeting of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church will be held in Westminster Hall of the Witherspoon Building, Tuesday, May 7, 1912, at 10:30 A. M. All the women of our constituency have the privilege of voting at this meeting for the officers for the ensuing year, and a large attendance is desired.

STELLA P. WATTERS,
Recording Secretary.

AGAIN we have cause for gratitude and commendation of our faithful societies. The year's total receipts for regular work, $189,533.04, is an increase of $14,754.50 over last year's total, which with the Jubilee Fund, $77,479.15, special gifts and famine fund, $3,043.03, and publication receipts, $3,582.29, make an actual total for the year of $273,637.51, against $190,011.51 for last year, an increase of $83,626.00.

THE *Historical Sketch of Our Missions in China,* revised by Rev. Courtenay H. Fenn, D.D., and *Medical Work in China,* which have been delayed on account of the disturbed condition of Chinese affairs, will be ready for use with the new text-book.

Do you know of the missionary library at 501 Witherspoon Building? Do you know that you may use the books by paying postage both ways? Send for catalogue.

THERE is also a collection of photographs of missionaries and postcards and other pictures from the foreign field, which may be borrowed.

AT THE close of the year 4,200 copies of the *Year Book* had been sold, 2,300 copies of *Western Women in Eastern Lands,* and 1,300 copies of *The Light of the World.*

LEAFLETS on Siam and Laos: *A Faithful Follower,* 2 cts.; *The Call to Siam,* 2 cts.; *Child Life Among the Laos,* 2 cts.; *Nan Inta* (A Hero), 2 cts.; Wonder Stories: *Siam,* 3 cts.; *Schools and Colleges in Siam and Laos,* 3 cts.; *Hospitals in Siam and Laos,* 3 cts.; *Boon Itt in Siam,* 5 cts.

From Chicago

Meetings at Room 48, 509 S. Wabash Avenue, every Friday at 10 A. M. Visitors welcome.

THE CONFERENCE of officers at *Headquarters* mentioned in this column in March will come now in a few days, on Saturday, May 11th, beginning at 9.30 A. M. There will be morning and afternoon sessions, with a luncheon between at one of the hotels.

THE DELEGATION will be limited to three from each synodical society; a Westminster Guild secretary, a C. E. delegate, one other synodical officer, and from the presbyterial societies, two delegates, one a presbyterial officer and one C. E. delegate.

Those wishing entertainment should send names and addresses at once to Mrs. Dee F. Clarke, Room 48, Ohio Building, corner Congress St. and Wabash Ave., Chicago.

"WELL begun is half done" was well illustrated last year by the presbyterial societies which gave *before the first monthly report* more than one-twelfth of their total. Of the twenty who set this good example, six were in Iowa, three in Illinois, two each in Indiana, Minnesota, Montana and North Dakota and one each in Colorado, South Dakota and Wisconsin.

SOME may not know of the free circulating and reference library at Room 48, to which new books are from time to time being added. Among the latest on China and India are *China Under the Empress Dowager; Education of Women in China; Religions of Eastern Asia; The Coming China; The Changing Chinese; Lucknow Conference; A Blue Stocking in India; British Rule in India* and *Desire of India.* For other names, and rules, see Catalogue, sent free on request.

THE EIGHTH session of the Summer School of Missions under the auspices of the Interdenominational committees of the Central West, representing women's missionary boards, will be held at Winona Lake, Indiana, June 25th to July 2d. Mrs. D. B. Wells, well-known for her lectures on missionary subjects, will deliver the lectures on the Home Mission study book on Mormonism. It is hoped that Mrs. Helen Barrett Montgomery will give the lectures on the Foreign Mission study book, *China of To-Day.* More detailed information will be given later. It is not too early for our women to plan to attend this great gathering of women interested in missions.

From New York

Prayer-meeting at 156 Fifth Ave., cor. 20th St., the first Wednesday of each month, at 10.30 A. M. Each other Wednesday there is a half-hour meeting for prayer and reading of missionary letters, commencing at same hour.

THE PRELIMINARY announcement of the Northfield Summer School for Women's Foreign Missionary Societies is now out and presents a most attractive programme. Mrs. Montgomery will be gladly welcomed back as lecturer on the new text-book, *China's New Day,* by Dr. I. T. Headland. Bible-study, conducted by Rev. C. R. Erdman; Camp Bible-study groups for the young women, a Normal Mission Study class, under Miss Peacock, and an Institute hour on Methods, denominational rallies, evenings with missionaries, vesper services on Round Top—these are only a few of the stimulating features. For ourselves, special attention is called to the proposed Presbyterian Camp for young women, with comfortable tents in a shady spot near East Hall. Let us have delegates from every presbytery! Write for further information.

IN CAYUGA Presbytery Post-Jubilee work bore fruit in increased membership, reports showing from 76 new members in one of the oldest and largest auxiliaries to 20 in one of the youngest. In the latter case every available woman in the community now belongs to the missionary society. Cayuga last year sent two delegates to Silver Bay, and at its last executive meeting voted an appropriation toward the expense of delegates to the Conference of the coming summer.

IN accordance with the recommendations of the Triennial Conference of Foreign Mission Boards our Board voted at its meeting of March 20th in favor of federation. It was felt that some permanent organization was necessary in order to conserve the spirit of united effort acquired at the Jubilee.

KENTUCKY sends us some inspiring reports. Are these not suggestions that might well be copied? A small missionary society in the heart of the Kentucky mountains, in which only a few women can read, gave this year three dozen half-gallon jars of fruit to an orphan asylum, made quilts and bed coverings for needy people in their midst and surprised their presbyterial officers by sending to them seventeen dollars, which they had earned themselves for foreign missions. "Once each year the Auxiliary observes 'Daughters'' Day. This meeting is usually held in September, before the schools open; is in charge of a young woman with whom the girls work willingly, and who arranges a special programme in which only the young girls have a part. This meeting is always an outdoor affair."

From St. Louis

Meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month at 10 A. M., Room 708, No. 816 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo. Missionary literature for sale at above number. Visitors always cordially welcome.

THE YEAR just closing has been a very pleasant one, notwithstanding the many discouragements that have come to us at headquarters. At the beginning of the present year we counted our working force one of the strongest and best our Board has ever had; at its close we find our little band greatly depleted. Death has claimed one, and others are incapacitated through sickness. But even our discouragements may lead to higher things if we have the faith that believes and trusts. We have that faith and know that other good women who are interested in the cause of missions will be sent to fill all vacant places. We are glad to report the steady improvement of Mrs. J. M. Miller and Miss Julia E. Hyde.

MISS BARTHOLOMEW, a missionary of the Philadelphia Board, gave many interesting facts relating to the work in the Philippines and told of the advance made through Christian education.

MRS. JONES, missionary under our own Board, told of the many changes that have taken place in China and of the attitude of the people toward Christianity. Mrs. Jones said: "*Now* is the Church's great opportunity in China," and if men and money are used China may be won for Christ.

DR. WILLIAMS but emphasized what Mrs. Jones had said of the work in China. This time of change in China is the open door, the time of great opportunity for the Church. With means to push the work through faith and prayer China can be made a Christian nation.

WE are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit from Mrs. E. W. Simpson, of Kolhapur, India, whom we hope to have with us at the annual meeting of the Executive Committee on April 16th.

Two new societies were received at the last meeting of the Board—one at Richmond Heights, St. Louis; the other at Ringwood, Okla.

THE work of the Study Class is very encouraging, not alone in St. Louis, but throughout the entire territory of our Board.

From San Francisco

920 Sacramento St. Meetings first Monday of each month, at 10.30 and 1.30. Executive meeting every third Monday. Prayer-meeting first and third Monday, from 12 till 12.30.

ANOTHER death of a member of the Occidental Board has caused sorrow to many of us. Mrs. Lyman Stewart, of Los Angeles, has won grateful remembrance through her friendship and her benevolence. For several years business interests of Mr. Stewart extended to San Francisco, and fortunately we met daily at the same table, and the friendship became personal. We of the Occidental Board would remember the Presbytery's loss in Los Angeles, while we offer sincerest sympathy to Mr. Stewart and to his family.

WE were favored with the presence of Dr. Robert W. Dunlap from the Shantung Mission, China, at the luncheon table at our executive meeting on March 18th. He gave a pleasant talk about his work and stated that on returning from his furlough he was not alone, and smilingly looked at his blushing bride, who sat at his side. Dr. Dunlap is from Washington, Pa., and Mrs. Dunlap from Pittsburg. Miss Suderman, from Berkeley, who leaves for Africa in June, was also present. She looked as happy as if she were to go on a pleasure excursion. Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Curtis, *en route* for Korea, were also present.

A LETTER from Miss Bankes, of Canton, speaks of the critical situation there. Missionaries have been made prisoners while their homes were being searched.

ALL the friends of Dr. Caroline Merwin will be glad to know that she is safe. Dr. Merwin thought it well to go with her parents to the coast. She hopes to study the language there.

A LETTER from Mrs. Hummel was read at executive meeting. She had arrived in Africa. Amid all the vicissitudes of travel from the coast she rode in Miss Mackenzie's wheel-chair with two men to push and pull; and little Johnnie had a home-made cradle swung on a pole, with two men to carry him. She left Batanga on Wednesday morning and reached Lolodorf Saturday morning. Mrs. Hummel's cook came down from Lolodorf to help them on the road.

From Portland, Oregon

Executive meeting at 10 A. M. on first Tuesday each month and popular meeting on third Tuesday at 2:30 P. M. in First Church. Literature obtained from Miss Abby S. Lamberson, 385 Tenth St., Portland.

OUR PRESIDENT has sent out two series of questions to presbyterial presidents and permits us to cull from replies to her second "*Questionnaire*" the following, which are suggestive:

1—How many of your societies use pledge-card and envelope system?

Only one president knew accurately; one knew of twelve societies, and several are trying to find out.

2—In what way are district rallies helpful?

(*a*) Promote friendship. (*b*) Promote enthusiasm. (*c*) Attract the attention of the uninterested, making them think it something worth while. (*d*) An opportunity for testimony of things concerning the kingdom. (*e*) A place to make our Lord pre-eminent. (*f*) New workers are enlisted, encouraged and helped in starting their work. (*g*) The inspiration of new people and new methods. (*h*) It is taking the mountain to Mohammed.

4—How are you seeking to overcome indifference of Presbyterian women?

(*a*) By use of Extension Booklets. (*b*) By sanctified common-sense. (*c*) Get the right literature before them. (*d*) Talk missions in an interesting way. (*e*) By personal work, chief of which is the Extension department. (*f*) By prayer. (*g*) By never giving up. (*h*) By giving them something to do.

7—How long is it advisable for one to hold an office, either local or presbyterial?

(*a*) As long as live, efficient work is done. (*b*) The longer the better, if the officer is alive to the possibilities of her office. (*c*) The work cannot be grasped in one year. (*d*) It all depends on the officer. Never quit while the office is improving. (*e*) As long as she believes there is something to do and is striving to do it. (*f*) A president, as long as she is active and sees that every other officer is active. (*g*) As long as she is fitted in executive ability, mentally and spiritually.

NEW SOCIETIES

MASSACHUSETTS

Boston, E. Boston, Bluebells.
" " Grace Circle.
" " Jr. C. E.
" " Little Women's Miss'y.
Hyde Park, Volunteer Bd.

MICHIGAN

Deckerville, C. E.

MISSOURI

St. Louis, Richmond Heights.

NEW YORK

Cayuga, Westminster League.
Ithaca, First, Girls' Club.
Springville, Jr. C. E.

OKLAHOMA

Ringwood.

RECEIPTS TO MARCH 15, 1912

By totals from Presbyterial Societies.

Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church

ATHENS,	$242.47	CHATTANOOGA,	$104.45	ELIZABETH,	$3,916.77	KITTANNING,	$1 096.91
BEAVER,	818.50	CHESTER,	2,147.68	ERIE,	2,986.97	LACKAWANNA,	2,403.87
BELL,	9.60	CHILLICOTHE,	463.15	FLORIDA,	68.00	LEHIGH,	1,368.70
BELLEFONTAINE,	551 25	CINCINNATI,	1,769.19	FRENCH BROAD,	206.26	LIMA,	191.18
BIRMINGHAM, A.,	99.80	CLARION,	2,011.92	GRAFTON,	402.50	MCMINNVILLE,	55.70
BLAIRSVILLE,	1,245.50	CLEVELAND,	1,927.36	HOLSTON,	66.20	MAHONING,	752.20
BUTLER,	731.90	COLUMBIA,	95.57	HOPEWELL-MADISON,	59.47	MARION,	868.98
CAPE FEAR,	1.00	COLUMBUS,	869.54	HUNTINGDON,	411.50	MAUMEE,	615.01
CARLISLE,	3,956.72	COOKEVILLE,	15.00	HUNTSVILLE,	22.00	MONMOUTH,	1,200.00
CATAWBA,	13.75	DAYTON,	303.70	HURON,	298.75	NASHVILLE,	199.25

New Brunswick,	$2,040.00	Redstone,	$1,549.34	Wooster,	$910.12	Zanesville,	$689.85
New Castle,	1,080.27	St. Clairsville,	1,155.30	Yadkin,	6.00	Miscellaneous	5,478.10
New Hope,	15.00	Shenanoo,	307.50				
Newton,	775 69	Southern Virginia,	37.00				
Northumberland,	2,046.54	Steubenville,	1,506.57				
Obion-Memphis,	27.30	Union,	253.80				
Oxford,	9.10	Washington (Pa.),	1,832.82				
Parkersburo,	132.21	Washington City,	2,189.97				
Philadelphia,	5,029.93	Wellsboro,	85.00				
Philadelphia, N.,	4,229.11	West Jersey,	1,559.38				
Pittsburgh,	12,978.65	Westminster,	230.65				
Portsmouth,	269.35	Wheelino,	954.90				

Total for March (including Jubilee Fund, $432.80) $81,947.72
Total since March 15, 1911 (including Jubilee Fund, $62,246.18) 251,779.22
Special Gifts to Missionaries and Famine Fund 3,043.03

(Miss) Sarah W. Cattell, *Treas.*,
501 Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Missions of the Northwest

Aberdeen,	$3.45	Duluth,	$169.86	Mattoon,	$497.95	Red River,	$29.00
Adams,	76 87	Ewing,	198.50	Milwaukee,	10 00	Rock River,	708.50
Alton,	468.50	Fargo,	200.00	Minneapolis,	2,009 22	Rushville,	893.57
Bismarck,	35.56	Flint,	161.00	Minnewaukon,	28.00	Saginaw,	821 25
Bloomington,	2,140.52	Ft. Dodge,	335.60	Monroe,	100 00	St. Cloud,	88 50
Boulder,	365.75	Fort Wayne,	1,154.30	Muncie,	522.93	St. Paul,	1,043 56
Box Butte,	67.05	Freeport,	429.90	Nebraska City,	752.86	Sheridan,	2.25
Butte,	15.00	Great Falls,	97.00	New Albany,	324 19	Sioux City,	481.70
Cairo,	204.00	Hastings,	143.20	Niobrara,	108 00	Sioux Falls,	6.00
Cedar Rapids,	611.55	Indiana,	384.82	Omaha,	732.50	Springfield,	1,035.45
Central Dakota,	64.00	Indianapolis,	1,840 55	Ottawa,	472.50	Waterloo,	478.21
Cheyenne,	6.13	Iowa City,	388.40	Pembina,	490.08	Waukon,	5.00
Chippewa,	205.39	Kalispel,	39.15	Peoria,	2,117.50	Winona,	199 75
Chicago,	3,431.78	Kearney,	123 00	Petoskey,	82.00	Colorado Synodical,	20.00
Council Bluffs,	261.33	La Crosse,	127.00	Pueblo,	551.15		
Crawfordsville,	755.98	Lake Superior.	417.00				
Denver,	605.10	Lansing,	312.95				
Des Moines,	528.60	Logansport,	534.55				
Detroit,	3,217.42	Madison,	199.17				
Dubuque.	339.20	Mankato,	397.17				

Total for two weeks $35,967.92
Total from March 15, 1911, to March 15, 1912, 202,002.99
This amount includes Curtiss bequest, 37,655.10
Sale of 1st Nat'l Bank stock, 23,010.24
Amount of Jubilee Fund, 51,513.37

Mrs. Thos. E. D. Bradley, *Treas.*,
Room 48, 509 South Wabash Ave., Chicago.

Women's Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church

Albany,	$2,754.00	Geneva.	$423.00	North River,	$369.85	Transylvania,	$35 00
Binghamton,	766 00	Hudson,	433.00	Otsego,	193 00	Troy,	1,274.50
Boston,	705 00	Jersey City,	891.25	Princeton,	68.00	Utica,	2,811.57
Brooklyn,	2,067.60	Logan,	96 05	Rochester,	1,170.29	Westchester.	2,081.13
Buffalo,	1,109.75	Long Island,	625.53	St. Lawrence,	347.67	Synodical Society of	
Cayuga,	689.71	Louisville,	714.00	Steuben,	459.00	Kentucky,	47.25
Champlain.	414.60	Lyons,	309.41	Syracuse,	945.50	Miscellaneous,	69.00
Chemung,	376.75	Morris and Orange,	3,029.75				
Columbia,	516.00	Nassau,	458.00				
East Persia,	53 25	Newark,	2,477.25				
Ebenezer,	344.00	New York,	4,850.01				
Genesee,	465.13	Niagara,	415.00				

Total to March 15th, $34,785.80
Total since March 15, 1911, 109,552.19

(Miss) Henrietta W. Hubbard, *Treas.*,
Room 818, 156 Fifth Ave., New York.

The Presbyterial Society of Transylvania has raised $403.70 towards a Parish Abroad, but as it has not yet been decided upon the money could not be credited to this year.

Woman's Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions of the Southwest

Following are the receipts for the month of March:

Abilene,	$54.65	Ft. Worth,	$118.50	Osborne,	$145.05	Salt River,	$244.05
Amarillo,	130.30	Highland,	287.30	Ozark,	181.50	Sedalia,	314.85
Ardmore,	57.15	Hobart,	39.70	Paris,	103.50	Solomon,	333.00
Arkansas,	58.50	Houston,	103.70	Pecos Valley,	48.50	Topeka,	683.50
Austin,	72.50	Iron Mt.,	72.65	Rio Grande,	15.00	Tulsa,	91.00
Brownwood,	33 90	Jefferson,	47.97	St. Louis,	2,335.90	Waco,	279.25
Carthage,	494.70	Kansas City,	1,000.44	St. Joseph,	336.41	Wichita,	1,087.65
Cimarron,	116.95	Kirksville,	168 75	Santa Fé,	35.00	Miscellaneous,	160.98
Dallas,	256.75	Larned,	233.50				
Denton,	70.00	Little Rock,	22.95				$10,975 79
Emporia,	151.00	McAlester,	42.07	Total to date,			$30,908.73
El Paso,	4 25	McGee,	183.75				
El Reno,	55.00	Muskogee,	122.00				
Ft. Smith,	126.00	Neosho,	453.65				

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Woman's Occidental Board of Foreign Missions

Benicia,	$349 55	San Francisco,	$716.45	Total for quarter	$8,773.81
Los Angeles,	4,669.37	San Joaquin,	422.70	Total for year,	27,636.55
Oakland,	635.49	San Jose,	333.20	Total Famine Fund,	329,50
Ogden,	38.80	Santa Barrara,	217.30		
Phoenix,	185.70	So. Arizona,	50.00		
Riverside,	389.75	So. Utah,	36.35		
Sacramento,	406.15	Miscellaneous,	25.00		
Salt Lake,	298.00				

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Woman's North Pacific Board of Missions for Fourth Quarter Ending March 15, 1912

Alaska,	$16.00	Pendleton,	$17.50	Willamette,	$379.80		
Bellingham,	82.00	Portland,	1,681.00				
Boise,	189.00	Seattle,	757.60				
Cent. Washington,	257.25	Southern Oregon,	87.50				
Columbia River,	62.00	Spokane,	386.13				
Grand Ronde,	94.50	Twin Falls,	16.00				
Kendall,	10.00	Walla Walla,	178.35				
Olympia,	215.00	Wenatchee,	47.55				

For quarter ending March 15, 1912 $4,477.18
Previously remitted, 6,433.58

Total for year, $10,910.76

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